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SUBJECT: FINNISH PARTICIPATION IN UN FORCE IN NAMIBIA

REF: STATE 191882,

1. EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR CALLED ON PEKKA KORVENHEIMO, ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE MFA POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, TO DISCUSS THE NAMIBIAN SITUATION. KORVENHEIMO INDICATED THE FINNS AGREE WITH OUR APPRAISAL (PARA 2, REFTEL) THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION 431 APPEARS TO BE ON TRACK. HE UNDERSTANDS THAT UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE MARTTI AHTISAARI WILL BE DEPARTING AT THE END OF THIS WEEK FOR NAMIBIA.

2. WITH RESPECT TO THE FINNISH POSITION ON CONTRIBUTING TO THE UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN NAMIBIA, FINNISH FOREIGN MINISTER PAAVO VAYRYNEN ISSUED A STATEMENT JULY 28 EXPRESSING FINNISH READINESS TO GIVE ITS GOOD SERVICES IF ASKED BY THE UN IN THE EFFORT TO MOVE PEACEFULLY TO INDEPENDENCE AND MAJORITY RULE IN NAMIBIA. VAYRYNEN
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SAID "THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS IN THIS LIGHT ALSO TO CONSIDER SENDING PEACEKEEPING TROOPS TO NAMIBIA IF THE UN ASKS FINLAND TO DO SO.... FINLAND IS ALSO READY TO MAKE NAMIBIA ONE OF THE MAIN TARGET COUNTRIES OF ITS INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION IN THE FUTURE."

3. KORVENHEIMO TOLD THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR
THAT, WHEN OFFICIALLY ASKED BY THE UNITED NATIONS,
FINLAND INTENDS TO SEND A BATTALION OF 700 MEN TO
NAMIBIA. HE SAID EVERYTHING HAD BEEN PREPARED AND
THE TROOPS ARE READY--WITH ALL OF THEIR EQUIPMENT AND
SUPPLIES--TO DEPART FINLAND FOR NAMIBIA WITHIN TWO
WEEKS OF A RECEIPT OF A REQUEST. HE INDICATED THE
ONLY THING LEFT TO BE ARRANGED IS THE TRANSPORT OF
THE TROOPS FROM FINLAND TO NAMIBIA.
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